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Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing you today on behalf of the Communications Workers of America representing workers in Illinois. We believe that AT&T's merger with T-Mobile is a good thing for U.S. consumers and workers and hope that you will come to the same conclusion.

CWA workers spent much of the last century working to ensure that every American had telephone service. We installed the poles and stretched the cables. We wired homes, schools and offices. We installed microwave towers and underwater cables. We built and installed switches to connect it all, and then we kept it running. We are proud of what we accomplished and believe that the ability to communicate by phone made a major difference in so many lives.

Today, we are again helping to build a critical infrastructure. Just as the telephone enabled so much in the last century, the Internet today is an enabling technology that keeps our country great. But nearly 100 million Americans don't have broadband access at home. This merger can change that by making high-speed access available to almost the entire country. AT&T is committed to making this a reality and so are we.

This merger also will be good for T-Mobile's workers. Our history with AT&T has shown that the company is union-neutral and will be open to allowing current T-Mobile workers to organize once they are part of AT&T if they choose, which we believe they will. These are good jobs and we want to keep them here in America.



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As you review the application for the AT&T/T-Mobile merger, we hope you will give it your support. We don't endorse business deals lightly. But we see this one as a win-win and think you will too.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ron Hovse".

Ron Hovse

CWA Representative

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cc: Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
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